

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Assembly Journal

May 1994 Special Session

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 1994

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

The following bills, originating in the assembly, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Assembly Bill	Act No.	Date Signed
3, ss (partial veto)	479	May 26, 1994
1, ss	480	May 27, 1994

Respectfully submitted,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

May 26, 1994

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I approved Special Session **Assembly Bill 3** in part and deposited it in the Office of the Secretary of State. I exercised my partial veto authority in the relating clause and in section 40.

AB 3 establishes procedures for civil commitment to a mental health facility prior to release from the custody of

the Department of Corrections or the Department of Health and Social Services for persons who have committed a sexually violent offense.

As a technical matter, I am partially vetoing the reference to sex offender registration in the relating clause because the body of the bill contains no provisions for registration of sex offenders.

Section 40 contains a requirement that the Department of Justice (DOJ) file a petition against a sexually violent person no later than 30 days before the date of release. This does not provide sufficient flexibility for DOJ to petition for releases. Accordingly, I am partially vetoing the provision requiring the filing of a petition no later than 30 days prior to release or discharge.

Section 40 is also drafted in a way that excludes persons from the provisions of this bill who are currently committed under the sex crimes law created under Chapter 975. I am partially vetoing this section in a way which will allow DOJ or the appropriate district attorney to file a petition for persons who are nearing the end of their commitment under Chapter 975.

I am pleased to sign AB 3 with those partial vetoes necessary to enhance the purpose and effectiveness of this bill. I firmly believe that this bill will improve public safety by preventing incarcerated or committed sexual offenders who have reached their mandatory release date from returning to the community to repeat similar offenses.

Respectfully submitted,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor